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Trumbull Police Commission Meeting
Trumbull Town Hall – Council Chambers
Tuesday, March 8, 2011
7:00PM

MINUTES

The Trumbull Police Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:15PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence.

Members Present

Jack Testani, Chairman
Anna Henry, Vice Chairman
William Murphy, Commissioner
Albert Zamary, Commissioner

Members Not Present

Alfred Liggins, Secretary
Philip DiGennaro, Commissioner

Also Present

1st Selectman Herbst
Officer Scott Thompson
Attorney Edward Walsh
Mary Moran
Mr. & Mrs. Thornton Scott
(Family Garage)
Aaron Leo
(Trumbull Patch)

First Selectman Timothy Herbst addressed the Commission, publicly recognizing and thanking Chief Kiely, Deputy Chief Glenn Byrnes and Deputy Chief Michael Harry for

the outstanding leadership they demonstrated, along with Lieutenant Ronald Kirby and William Chiarenzelli, Assistant Emergency Management Director, in leading our Emergency Management efforts for navigating through probably the worst winter of our lifetime. A great job was done in helping set up the Emergency Operations Center, coordinating the Emergency Management Team and sending out the Reverse 911 communication. An outstanding job was done by all.

Mr. Herbst's State of the Town address will be given in the latter part of March and will be commending the leadership of Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Byrnes, Deputy Chief Harry and the men and women of the Trumbull Police Department

Residential burglaries are down approximately 60% this year. This is a credit to fine leadership and the work of our police officers. We are very fortunate to be heading in the right direction.

Public Comment – None

Approval of the February 8th, 2011 Police Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chairman Testanti requested a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

MOTION made (Commissioner HENRY) 2nd (Commissioner ZAMARY) to ACCEPT the minutes as presented. No Comments. No Corrections. FOR Commissioners Henry, Testani, and Zamary. One abstention – Commissioner Murphy. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence – None

Chief Kiely's Report

On February 26, 2011, at approximately 3:45AM, two officers responded to a domestic call at which they were assaulted (injured) Both officers were treated and released from the hospital.

K9 Cyrus and handler Officer Richard Carlson were involved in the tracking of the suspect in the recent People's Bank robbery as well as crowd control at the theatre. Cyrus has been trained at the Westfield Mall to acclimate him to escalators, elevators, walking through crowds, etc. He has been responding to everything well. Officer Carlson is dedicated to the program which is reflected through the behavior of Cyrus.

The response to the People's Bank robbery, 888 White Plains Rd., was excellent, with the first officer arriving on the scene within one minute. Deputy Chief Harry and his staff are doing a remarkable job, and have very positive leads. Hopefully, we will have a successful conclusion.

This past weeks' flood resulted in Old Mine Park and Twin Brooks Park going under. We are very fortunate not to have had the overflow which could have created a devastating situation.

Brian Weir will be concluding his one year assignment in the Detective Bureau, which ends April 1st, 2011. Officer Joseph Velky has been assigned to replace him effective April 01, 2011. This assignment will conclude on April 01, 2012.

The fleet is in relatively good shape. Issues are being addressed. The Town Highway Department is doing a great job for the Department.

On March 02, 2011, Chief Kiely, along with Deputies Byrnes and Harry, appeared before the Board of Finance. The Board appeared to be very receptive to the needs of the Department. Commissioner Zamary, also in attendance at this meeting, concurred.

The Statewide Narcotics Task Force, to which we have an officer assigned, was instrumental in the arrest of a suspect who left California with a large amount of marijuana and was heading to Connecticut to make a delivery. Being stopped in Kansas and flown to Connecticut, the Task Force followed up and made an arrest of the suspect. There is an on-going investigation which should result in the confiscation of a significant amount of marijuana and a large amount of money.

On Monday, March 07, 2011, a Sergeant's promotional exam took place, having 19 officers participating. The oral exam will be conducted on a date to be announced.

The exam for Entry Level Police Officer will take place on April 16th, 2011. A career in law enforcement is a very secure, satisfying and rewarding job. The Trumbull Police Department is very well received by the community.

Ms. Sharon Stoyer, Program Director of the Juvenile Review Board will meet with Chief Kiely and Deputy Chief Michael Harry on Friday, March 18, 2011 to work out details for implementing the program for the Trumbull Police Department. This program focuses on juveniles who have committed a minor delinquent act or demonstrate at-risk behavior at home or school which could result in a referral to the juvenile court. The purpose of this Board is to divert young people from the juvenile justice system and having them appear before the Board which is made up of volunteer community minded citizens of the Town of Trumbull, and make available to them a wide array of community services to prevent them from committing repeat offenses. First time offenders are given a second chance to lead a productive life. A reminder of this meeting will be e-mailed to the Commissioners.

Calls for Service 02/01/11 – 02/28/11

- Calls by Shift
 - Dayshift 8 – 4 45%
 - Evenings 4 – 12 40.9%
 - Midnights 13.6%
 - 100.0%

Chief Kiely highlighted the following:

- Alarm-Burglary 222
- Medical Calls 147 (1st Responders before EMS)
- Shoplifting 23
- Community Policing 18
- Domestic – Verbal 19
- MV Arrest 96

Home Depot opened on Thursday, March 03. Research shows that based on calls for service at the Fairfield, Bridgeport and Stratford stores, a projected 120 calls for service will be placed to the Trumbull Police Department. These calls will include parking lot accidents, medical calls, shoplifting, etc. Having met their security personnel, a good working relationship and cooperation is anticipated. An aggressive security system is in place.

Apprehensions will be made by Home Depot security who, in turn, will contact the Trumbull Police Department who will make the arrest.

Due to the recent People's Bank robbery, increased visible and unseen patrol presence (unmarked cars) has been instituted. The suspect in this robbery is believed to be involved in three – four bank robberies in Bridgeport.

Officers are encouraged to get out of their vehicles and walk the areas; i.e. Trumbull Center, Westfield Mall, Home Depot etc. and get to know the security guards of the establishments. This will enable the officers to recognize security personnel

Traffic – Whitney Ave./Rails to Trails Crossing

Even though Whitney Ave. is not a state road, DOT Supervisory Engineer, Mr. Joseph Ouelette met with Officer Scott Thompson to review the Whitney Ave./Rails to Trails Crossing area and made recommendations for signage that will help eliminate the existing traffic control problems; i.e high visibility signs, paint markings on the trails, distance markers on Whitney Ave. that will alert drivers to a particular sign they will be approaching, and “SLOW” painted on Whitney Ave. with high visibility reflective pellet paint.

Daniels Farm Rd/Hillcrest Middle School

“State Law Stop for Pedestrians in the Crosswalk” signs were posted on Daniels Farm Rd. at Hillcrest Middle School.

The above referenced signage was also put on Quality St at the Trumbull Town Hall area.

Speeding on Penny Ave./Intervale Rd

It was found that the installation of a traffic light at Penny Ave./Intervale Rd is not feasible. Patrol was notified to take motor vehicle enforcement action to address the speeding vehicles.

Sports Zone-29 Trefoil Drive

Due to the accumulation of snow, vehicles at the Sports Zone on February 27, 2011 parked on the entry road restricting access to emergency vehicles. Management was notified and made arrangements for snow removal to free up several more parking spaces.

Participants in the upcoming sports tournaments through the month of April will be notified by Mr. Morabito, building manager of the facility, of the parking restrictions. Those who ignore this notification will have their vehicle towed if they are in violation.

Temporary “No Parking” signs were provided by the Trumbull Police Department.

Budget

Given a difficult economic time, Commission Chairman Testaini commented that an exemplary job was done by the Trumbull Police Department in preparing and presenting their 2011-2012 budget which was presented to the Board of Finance on March 2nd, 2011 and was very well received. It presented the best possible scenario for Trumbull residents to continue to feel safe and secure.

Old Business -Towing Policy Review

Arrangements to review towing facilities of applicants has been delayed due to the illness of Commissioner Liggins who was to accompany Officer Scott Thompson. Commissioners Zamary and Murphy will make arrangements to accompany Officer Thompson prior to the April 12th Police Commission Meeting and present their findings.

A “DRAFT” of the proposed revised Towing Policy was distributed by Deputy Chief Byrnes for the Commissioners’ perusal.

Commission Chairman Testani asked for a motion to table the Towing Policy Review to the April 12th Police Commission Meeting.

MOTION made (Commissioner ZAMARY) 2nd (Commissioner MURPHY) to TABLE the Towing Policy Review to the April 12th, 2011 Police Commission Meeting. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

New Business

Commission Chairman Testani recognized the presence of former Commissioner Mary Moran as well as Attorney Edward Walsh. Their presence was requested at the April 12th, Police Commission Meeting.

MOTION made (Commissioner MURPHY) 2nd (Commissioner HENRY) to ADJOURN the Police Commission Meeting at 8:15PM. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted:

Jo-Ann C. Nanni
Clerk of the Commission